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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 23, 1998

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Case No. PUE980895

For a further amendment to Pilot Delivery Service Program

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR FURTHER AMENDMENT TO PILOT DELIVERY SERVICE PROGRAM

In a motion filed on December 21, 1998, Washington Gas
Light Company("WGL" or "the Company") requests further amendment
to the Pilot Delivery Service Program approved by the Commission
by Final Order issued June 18, 1998, in Case No. PUE971024, as
subsequently amended by order issued November 3, 1998, in Case
No. PUE980631. In its motion, the Company requests authority to
expand the number of commercial and industrial customers
eligible for service under Rate Schedule No. 2A from 10% to the
number of applications received on behalf of such customers on
or before December 9, 1998, the cut-off date for application for
service commencing January 1, 1999. The Company states that, if
such expansion is allowed, the program would be closed to such
customers until the second year when the Company would
reevaluate the participation level for this customer class.

In support of its motion, WGL states that it has now received applications on behalf of approximately 16% of the

commercial and industrial customer class and that the proposed expansion is the most equitable way to address the unanticipated high level of interest by such customers. WGL also states that it will be required to ration participation by such class if the proposed expansion is not granted and that such rationing will cause confusion and dissatisfaction with the program among such customers.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that the Company's request is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Company's request to amend further the pilot firm delivery service program approved in the above referenced orders be, and hereby, is granted.
- (2) WGL shall be permitted to expand the number of commercial and industrial class customers eligible for service under Rate Schedule No. 2A from 10% to the number of applications received, on or before December 9, 1998, on behalf of such customers.
 - (3) This matter shall be continued generally.